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Subject [TEA-L] July T3 Announcements

Hello everyone,  
Here are the announcements regarding T3 this month.

Let me know if I can assist you with anything.

Thanks,  
Katie

### **7th Quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports**

All submitted Q7 progress reports and evaluation reports are in the process of being reviewed and filed. It has been exciting to learn about the progress and impact that the ARRA funding is having on your schools. Thank you for all the links to pictures, videos, lessons, professional development, and success stories, as well as describing your challenges and how TEA can assist you in the future.

We will notify grantees via email if we have follow up questions or concerns with your reporting. If progress reports contained answers that were left blank or provided no details, they will be sent back for further information. Please keep this in mind when answering next quarter's progress reports.

If you have failed to submit your sixth quarter progress report by the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 deadline, please do so at this time. Eligibility of grantees to receive future grants, including continuation grants, from TEA could be impacted by noncompliance.

Please submit completed Progress Reports and Evaluation reports to [T3@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:T3@tea.state.tx.us).

### **Federally required State Evaluation Report Template**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to conduct a State Evaluation Report, covering Title II, Part D activities funded with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The first week of July, a template was sent through this listserv asking for important data from each Target Tech in Texas (T3) Collaborative Grant recipient. The template is very similar to last year's, with the removal of questions that would be unchanged information.

One report per fiscal agent/collaborative will required with the deadline of September 30, 2011. This information will be completed by the program manager working with the external evaluator. The completed data will be compiled into a report by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and sent directly to the United States Department of Education (USDOE).

This report is mandatory and must be completed timely and completely. We really appreciate your help with this important reporting. If you are a program manager and did not receive the template, please feel free to contact me at [T3@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:T3@tea.state.tx.us). Please remember we are only requiring one report per

collaborative.

#### **Title II, Part D; STaR Chart; ePlan; and E-Rate to the Administrator Addressed Letter**

As part of the budget negotiations at the federal level, Congress recently eliminated all funding for the Title II, Part D – Enhancing Education Through Technology program of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), better known as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). As a result of this loss of funding, there will be changes to several programs that relied on Title II, Part D technical assistance funding. A letter to the Administrator Addressed Letter was sent on July 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the changes that will be impacting schools in Texas. To access the letter, please go to <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/taa/stanprog071511.html>.

#### **Instructional Materials Allotment to the Administrator Addressed Letter**

Recently, the Agency sent a letter to superintendents concerning legislation from the 82nd Texas Legislature, First Called Session, 2011, which created an Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) for the purchase of instructional materials, technological equipment and technology-related services.

This letter with an attachment can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147501653>.

#### **Mileage Rates**

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has changed automobile mileage reimbursement rates. Effective July 1, 2011, the reimbursement rate is 55.5 cents a mile. (From January 1, 2011, to June 30, 2011, the mileage reimbursement rate was 51 cents a mile.) Rates for travel reimbursement (lodging and meals) have remained the same. For more information visit the to the TEA Correspondence page. <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/taa/discgrant070611.html>

#### **Low Draw Downs of ARRA Grant Funds–Important Information**

Unexpended ARRA grant funds with a grant end date of September 30, 2011 will lapse in less than 3 months. Through its expenditure reporting (ER) system, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) monitors the rate at which grantees are drawing down their ARRA funds. TEA considers grantees as having low draw downs if they have expended less than 5% of a grant award per month since the NOGA start date. In this second and final year of ARRA funding, it is even more crucial that grantees review their planned use of funds in relation to the grant end date. If your organization has incurred expenditures but has not requested a draw down through ER, please submit those expenditures as soon as possible through ER and plan to regularly submit future expenditures. It is important that TEA and Texas schools publicly demonstrate that ARRA funds are being expended in accordance with congressional intent and applicable cash management guidelines. There will be no extensions for spending the ARRA T3 Grant funding.

#### **ARRA Reporting**

Keep up with the latest on ARRA Stimulus funding here:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570>. Remember that the uses of the ARRA Title II D funds should focus on reaching the Target Tech level on the Texas Campus and Teacher STaR Charts <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/starchart>.